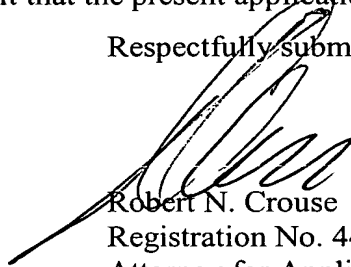


REMARKS

Applicants respectfully submit the current Preliminary Amendment for entry prior to examination of the application. Applicants have added three new dependent Claims 24 – 26 herein and have made minor changes to the specification which are supported by the drawings as filed with the original application. For example, the reference to block 435 in the amended paragraph on page 11 started at line 11 thereon has been removed to bring the description into agreement with Figure 4. Similarly, the recitation of command field in the amended paragraph on page 10 has been corrected to read command/address field.

Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

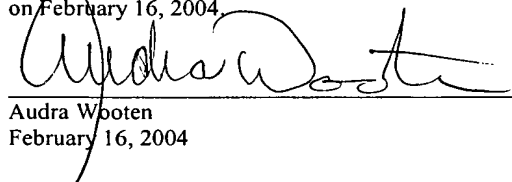


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